chairmanship of DGP, Andhra Pradesh. Besides, the Central Government also shares actionable intelligence with the concerned State Governments on a regular basis.

Norms for investigation of rape cases by Delhi Police

2428. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines for investigation of rape cases by Delhi Police;

(b) whether recently a lot of rape cases have been entrusted to male officers for investigation which are in gross violation of the Rape Case Investigation Norm; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether Government will issue guidelines to the Delhi Police to follow the existing norms in rape cases and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The guidelines issued by Delhi Police for investigation of rape cases, *inter-alia*, provide that:

(i) The Deputy Commissioners of Police of all the Districts shall ensure that rape cases are handed over to competent lady Investigating officers and, wherever the investigation is handed over to a male officer due to shortage of lady Investigating Officers, another lady officer shall be associated with the Investigating Officer;

(ii) in each case of rape, crisis Intervention Centre shall be activated;

(iii) It shall be mandatory for the District Police Control Room and the Duty Officer of the Police Station to take up the case and telephonically inform/Chief Coordinator of District Crisis Intervention Centre, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Crime Against Women Cell and senior officers about the rape incident;

(iv) A copy of the First Information Report in each such case shall be sent to Chief Coordinator of District Crisis Intervention Centre and Assistant Commissioner of Police, Crime Against Women Cell by the Station House Officer concerned at once for follow up action; and

(v) Chief Coordinator of District Crisis Intervention Centre and Investigating Officer, together or separately, shall visit the residence of victim and prepare their respective reports.

(b) and (c) the majority of the rape cases reported during the current year (upto 31st July) have been assigned to lady Investigating Officers. In the remaining cases this could not be done because of shortage of lady Investigating Officers, but in all such cases a lady officer has been associated with the Investigating Officer as per the prescribed guidelines.

Beneficiaries of Swatantrata Sangram Senani Pension Scheme

2429. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of freedom fighters who are the beneficiaries of S.S.S.P. Scheme, as on 31st March, 2003;

(b) having participated in the freedom struggle of 1942 at the minimum age of 18 years, whether most of the beneficiaries are now over 85 years of age; and

(c) by what percentage, the total number of beneficiaries is decreasing every year, for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) As per the records maintained, Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension has been sanctioned to 1,64,689 freedom fighters including their widows and other eligible dependents in cases where such freedom fighters were no more, till 31st March, 2003, since the inception of the Scheme.

(b) and (c) No such information is maintained by the Union Government.

Black Listing of Police Stations in Delhi

2430. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police have black-listed some police stations including Malviya Nagar Police Station, New Delhi on account of increase in crime rate;